



Centre forward Ron Fogg (white shirt) follows up as Dave Sturrock (out of picture) scores Bedford's first goal.

EXTRA-TIME SPOT KICK SAVES BEDFORD

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Bedford 3, Wycombe W. 3
(after extra time)

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HUNDREDS of fans invaded the pitch last night as Southern League Bedford clung to survival in the F.A. Cup with a disputed penalty two minutes from the end of extra time.

The penalty, pounded home by right winger Dave Sturrock, saved Bedford faces that had become as

red as the shirts of the amateurs who so nearly beat them.

And, when it was all over for the evening, referee Malcolm Sinclair (Guildford) appeared to be pushed by spectators as he left the field.

Wycombe's earlier anger and anguish at the penalty—for hands—was understandable.

It was given away by centre half Ian Rundel. He claimed the ball

came up and hit his hand, and was almost in tears when the decision went against him.

The arguments weren't over until half an hour after the final whistle. That was when it was decided by spinning a coin that the second replay will be at Wycombe on Saturday.

When the teams went into extra time with the score at 2-2, Wycombe had proved themselves the better side in a rugged replay.

And when left winger Les Merrick sent a low shot wide of Alan Colner, in the ninety-seventh minute, they seemed certain to become the first giant-killers of the first round.

Though Isthmian League Wycombe lacked the pace of Bedford's professionals, they were cooler, calmer, and became increasingly confident.

Swerving

Bedford scored first in the fortieth minute when winger Sturrock beat goalkeeper John Maskell with a swerving cross-shot.

Wycombe equalised through centre forward Paul Bates after 53 minutes, and went ahead in the 79th minute with a header from inside left Tony Horseman.

But within a minute Bedford left-back Dave Skinn surged in to head past Maskell and earn extra time.